Export of silk to China

3317. SHRIK. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that China has placed an order to a Karnataka based company for import of silk very recently, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is a fact that there exists vast scope for export of silk from Karnataka, if so, the steps Government propose to take to enhance marketability of silk from the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir. One of the Silk Weaving Factory in Bangalore received an export order worth Rs. 25.00 lakhs for export of natural silk yarn, fabrics, ready made garments, silk carpets and silk waste from a Chinese Silk Import and Export Corporation. The assignment has been dispatched.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Central Silk Board has drawn up a programme for transfer of technology, seed supply, training and financial & technical support in crucial areas of sericulture and silk development, in order to assist & supplement the efforts of the State Government to improve the quality, productivity and production of the State.

Target of producing bivoltine and multi-voltine silk

3318. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has decided to set a target of producing 11,625 tonnes of bivoltine and 20,450 tonnes of multi-voltine silk by the year 2010;

(b) if so, whether the country is producing only 600 tonnes of bivoltine silk;

(c) whether efforts are being made to capture a place in the global market;

(d) if so, the total silk produced at present in the country;

(e) to what extent they meet the demand;

(f) whether India imported around 4,000 tonnes of silk from China; and

(g) if so, the steps being taken to improve the production of silk in the country during the next five years?